

# On This Day: February 9, 2012 – Impact Wrestling: TNA Does Star Wars. Seriously.

## Impact Wrestling

Date: February 9, 2012

Location: Wembley Arena, London, England

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz

It's the go home show for Against All Odds and the final show in England. These shows are always fun because you get a much better crowd before we head back to Orlando on Sunday and the crowd that could put a Nick Bockwinkel promo to sleep. We'll probably get a few more matches to flesh out the card tonight and remember there's no Hardy due to travel issues. Let's get to it.

Oh and it's the Star Wars episode. This could mean ANYTHING.

We open with the Star Wars theme and shots of Qui-Gon Jin and Obi-Wan preparing to face droids. This is put together with Hogan returning last week. We also talk about the four way a bit.

Here's Ray to open the show who says he wants to talk to Bobby Roode and only Bobby Roode right now. Ray isn't happy. Here's Roode and Ray says cut his music. He meets Roode in the aisle and wants to know why Roode hasn't had his back at all. Ray says he had Roode's back against Storm but where was Roode for him? He says that Roode has the title because Ray has kept it on him.

Roode says he's had Ray's back and Ray says that's true, but last time he put a knife in it. Bobby says their problems are both with Sting and here comes the scorpion enthusiast. Sting declares himself the special enforcer at the PPV and also,

tonight it's going to be the two of them against Storm and himself.

Hogan and Garrett arrive.

We recap the AJ/Daniels/Kaz story with Kaz being forced to turn on AJ due to some form of control that Daniels has over him.

### Christopher Daniels vs. AJ Styles

These two must be approaching Sheik vs. Bobo Brazil lengths of a feud. Daniels jumps him quickly but AJ knocks him to the floor and hits a great flipping dive. Coming back in AJ dives over the top and almost gets the Styles Clash but Daniels kicks him away. Daniels tries to pull out a foreign object but the referee sees him trying it. Daniels throws it to Kaz which the referee misses. AJ gets knocked to the floor as Daniels takes over. Back in a clothesline gets two.

Daniels hooks what appears to be a nerve hold and the fans are split. AJ gets in an enziguri to put Daniels down. Christopher goes over to Kaz for the foreign object but Kaz doesn't throw it in. Styles hits his moonsault into a reverse DDT and the springboard forearm. The Clash is countered again into a release Rock Bottom. BME misses but Daniels lands on his feet. Pele puts Daniels down but this time Kaz gives him the object. AJ tries to load up the Clash but as he pulls Daniels up, Daniels pops him with the knucks for the pin at 5:46.

**Rating:** B-. I really liked this match, probably a lot more than most AJ vs. Daniels matches. This feud has been done to death so if they have to do it again, I'm glad they're adding in a new factor to it. The object was a fine little plot point to the match and it worked very well for this. Good match and far more entertaining than what they usually do in my eyes.

Gunner tells Bischoff he'll protect him later.

Here are Joe and Magnus. Magnus talks about being back in the UK and how he has nothing against most parts of it. Tonight however, they're not in Her Majesty's UK. They're in England. Tonight he's come home and he's brought his partner with him. A few months ago there was a Wild Card Tag Team Tournament and everyone said this wouldn't work. However, they've proven everyone wrong. As for Morgan and Crimson, the only reason they're a team is so they don't have to face each other. At Against All Odds, they'll win the titles.

Here are the champions and they say the time for talking is done. The champs clear the ring very quickly, running over Magnus and Joe as they have every time that it's been on a level playing field. Joe pulls Magnus out before the double chokeslam takes him out.

#### Austin Aries vs. Doug Williams vs. Alex Shelley

This is non-title. Aries is sent to the floor so Williams and Shelley do their own thing for a few moments. Sliced Bread is countered and Williams goes after Shelley's knee. Aries slides back as Shelley hits the floor. Doug dives on Shelley and Aries dives on Doug to put everyone down. Aries tries a superplex on Williams but Shelley comes back in and tries a Domsday Device, but Aries escapes. Pendulum Elbow takes WAY too long to launch and Shelley moves. Chaos Theory to Shelley hits but Aries kicks Williams low to break it up. Shelley countered the brainbuster and hits Sliced Bread for the pin at 4:45.

**Rating:** C+. Fun match and it was a good way to have Shelley get momentum going into Sunday and his title shot. Williams is a guy you can bring in for something like this and it works well. They flew around the ring a bit and got the crowd going, which is what the cruiserweight style guys are supposed to do.

Hogan is talking to Garrett in the back when Sting comes in. Sting and Hogan are all cool and Hogan asks Garrett to step

out for a minute. Hogan says Sting has a target on him and everyone is coming for him. If Sting needs Hulk's help, he'll have it. Sting says he likes the sound of that and Hogan says something is going to go down. The cameraman is thrown out before that gets explained.

Video of the fans talking about how much they love Impact.

Here's a video from earlier today with Tara at the arena. She's filming stuff when Gail comes in and beats her up. They go into the arena so as not to draw cops I suppose with Gail destroying her. She leaves Tara laying.

Quick video from Hogan talking about how TNA is this close to being the best in the world.

Here are Hulk and Garrett with Hulk talking about how these are the best fans in the world. Hogan talks about everything the fans have given to him over the years and how now he wants the fans to give all of that to Garrett now. And the fans just do not care one bit. There's a canned pop and it still sounds weak. Hogan blames Eric for a lot of Garrett's problems and here's the papa now.

Eric and Gunner come out and Eric wants to know who Hogan thinks he is to get in Eric's family business. Hogan says it's not Eric's time anymore. Eric says it's not Hogan's time anymore and that Hogan has no right to be here. Hogan says Eric doesn't get it and that he has the Hulkamania Stroke around here. He talked to Sting and Hogan has booked Garrett vs. Gunner at the PPV. There's more to it but Gunner and Garrett get into a fight. Eric hits Hogan low and down goes Garrett. Hogan gets up and clears the ring, still making Garrett look like a guy that is in way over his head and has to be saved. Garrett hits his dad and that's about it.

Ray is mad at Roode and yells some more about Roode not having his back. Roode says they'll be ok and wants a hug. Ray hugs him and says three days.

Hey it's Hogan and Garrett again. Hulk says that they'll put an end to Eric's time in this business so Garrett can have a future. How exactly is Eric stopping that?

### Mickie James vs. Velvet Sky

The announcers talk about Star Wars and Princess Leia in particular. The girls are a bit sloppy with Velvet barely holding onto a side roll. Mickie sends her into the corner and the fans are booing this somewhat. Headscissors puts Mickie down but she pops up and hits a low dropkick for two. Mickie hooks a seated abdominal stretch and the fans still don't care. Velvet comes back and drives Mickie into both knees one at a time. Taz talks about pigeons and both girls reverse each others' finishers. Velvet rolls Mickie up for the pin with a small package at 5:18.

**Rating:** D. This was a terrible match as both of them were missing things very rapidly. Also was there any point to this match being on the show? I can't think of one other than to get hot women in the ring. That's certainly good enough of a reason but it doesn't do much for the sake of storylines.

Video on the UK tour so far.

Video on the PPV main event with all four of them talking about the match. There's a ton of time left too.

### Sting/James Storm vs. Bobby Roode/Bully Ray

Sting and Roode start us off and Sting quickly takes him down and puts on the Scorpion in less than two minutes. Ray comes in but Sting avoids the big boot. Off to Storm and the ring is cleared as we take a break. Back with Ray demanding Storm get in and here's the Cowboy. The announcers talk about how there's been no sign of Abyss since Genesis, which is a point I had forgotten about.

Storm takes over and winds up for awhile before poking Ray in

the eye. Back to Sting as the dominance continues. The heels finally take over and work on the injured ribs of Storm. Roode comes in with a body vice and slams Storm into the mat before Storm can make the tag. Off to a bearhug which Storm breaks up with a poke to the eye. A Russian legsweep takes Ray down and it's off to Sting vs. Roode.

He beats on Ray as well as house is cleaned. Both guys get splashes but a second to Roode misses. Sting calls on his memories with Flair and slams Roode off for two. Roode's head goes onto Ray's balls to send Ray to the outside. Spinebuster gets two on Sting but the fisherman's suplex is countered. Death Drop puts Roode down and the Deathlock goes on. Ray looks to save but Ray say see you in three days. Roode taps at 15:14.

**Rating:** C. Yes, the world champion just tapped out clean to the part time wrestler/boss in the middle of the ring three days before a PPV. I've got nothing. I'm sure the TNA fanboys will explain to me how this is a brilliant move and foreshadows something or other, but I REALLY do not get who this benefits whatsoever. Was there a reason Storm couldn't have gotten a pin here? Like ANY reason? I'm needing some help here because I don't get it at all.

**Overall Rating:** B-. I really liked tonight's show and it did a great job of building up Against All Odds. I still really don't like the overpushing of Bischoff but that's life in TNA anymore. The main event on Sunday is a pretty wide open field which is something you rarely get in wrestling anymore. Good show here and hopefully that means good things for Against All Odds on Sunday. Also, thank goodness the Star Wars stuff didn't mean anything.

### Results

Christopher Daniels b. AJ Styles – Pin after Daniels hit Styles with brass knuckles

Alex Shelley b. Austin Aries and Doug Williams – Sliced Bread

#2 to Aries

Velvet Sky b. Mickie James – Small Package

Sting/James Storm b. Bobby Roode/Bully Ray – Scorpion  
Deathlock to Roode

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## WWE Poaching TNA's Territory

This is an interesting story that I only see one side to for the most part. As you've likely heard (at least you have if you follow this site, which you should), TNA is taking their TV tapings national, meaning they'll be going around the country. WWE has started going to mid-sized areas around the same areas for house shows to try to sabotage TNA. Some TNA fans are crying foul over this, but I have absolutely no problem with TNA doing this.

TNA is the company that tried to start the second Monday Night Wars (remember that pitiful attempt?). Now they're trying to go national to compete with WWE. Look at what WWE has done both times: they've fought back. How can TNA fans claim that this is unfair? It's like picking on someone and then getting annoyed when they punch you in the jaw.

TNA is the company trying to move up the ladder. If the people at the top of the ladder don't want them there, they can fight back. You can't try to move up and then complain that a larger company is playing unfair. In the words of Scott Hall, TNA wanted a war and now they've got one. The

problem is WWE has a lot more bullets and much bigger tanks.

I really don't see how WWE has done anything wrong here or why TNA and/or its fans have any reason to complain. If WWE is viewing them as an annoyance (saying WWE views them as a threat at this point is laughable at best) and wants to crush them, I'd think of that more of a good sign for TNA than anything else.

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## **Jeff Hardy Re-Signs With TNA**

The rumor had been that he wasn't going to be sticking around but apparently TNA got him to sign for a few more years. That's certainly the right move for TNA as he's easily the biggest full time guy they've got. No complaints here on this one.

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## **Impact Wrestling – February 7, 2013: They Can't Even Win A Glorified Handicap Match**

**Impact Wrestling**

Date: February 7, 2013

Location: Manchester Arena, Manchester, England

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz, Todd Keneley



We're still in England for the second of four shows. The main story at the moment is that Garret Bischoff and Wes Brisco FINALLY joined Aces and 8's, shocking a total of no one. Other than that we're on the Road to Lockdown which is four weeks from Sunday. That being said, we need a #1 contender. Oh and we've got Ray/Sting vs. Aces and 8's in a tables match tonight. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the Hogans/Ray and Aces and 8's.

Here are the bikers to open the show. Most of them are sans masks now and I can't say I'm any more impressed. Could it be because they NEVER WIN ANYTHING??? We get a video on Aces and 8's beating up Angle over the last few weeks. Apparently Wes and Garrett have been on the team for awhile now. Yeah I'm stunned too. Garrett says this is his new family and Brisco complains about being introduced in a Gut Check match. D-Von isn't worried about the tables match because Aces and 8's have an ace up their sleeve.

Tara and Jesse annoy Brooke so it's Tara vs. Tessmacher tonight.

X-Division Title: Kenny King vs. Zema Ion vs. Rob Van Dam

Hey look: a triple threat! RVD is defending and gets double teamed to start. Since Zema Ion sucks though, King turns on him and sends both he and Van Dam to the floor. A corkscrew dive by King takes both guys down and one from Ion...mostly misses both guys. Back in and a missile dropkick takes King down but Van Dam comes back in almost immediately. King sends Ion to the floor again but RVD takes him down.

Ion breaks up Rolling Thunder and hits a middle rope tornado DDT for two. King and Ion go at it a bit with Ion hitting a flipping facebuster for two. Ion takes King down again for two more as the champion is on the floor. This is basically a one on one match with Van Dam popping in every now and then. King hits a pair of running knees to the ribs of Ion followed by a northern lights suplex, but RVD comes in with the Five Star to take out King and follows with the pin on Ion at 5:54.

**Rating:** C. The match was ok but what difference does this make at all? There's almost no story to it and the division is lucky to get a segment

every two weeks. You pretty much saw the entire division out there in one match here, and that's a really bad sign. Bring some fresh blood into this thing or drop it already, because this is nothing worth seeing at all.

We get a package on TNA British Boot Camp, which is their version of Gut Check. A 5'3 guy named Rockstar Spud wins.

We look at the opening promo from Wes and Garrett earlier. It's still not impressive.

Bruce Prichard talks to D'Lo about Brisco sneaking on via Gut Check. I'm still thinking this isn't going to live up to whatever it's supposed to be.

Jesse comes out to run his mouth about James Storm interrupts. Blah blah blah, I'm going to kick you in the face then drink, ring the bell.

#### James Storm vs. Jesse Godderz

Jesse takes over to start but Storm comes back with punches and a knee to the ribs followed by the Eye of the Storm. An enziguri from the corner sets up a running neckbreaker for no cover. Last Call ends this at 3:04.

**Rating:** D. Seriously, is there NO ONE ELSE that Storm can feud with? The guy is over like free beer in a frat house and he's stuck beating up Jesse Godderz. I know the match with Roode at BFG wasn't that big but it's a bigger deal than what Storm is getting now. Nothing match here as Godderz continues to be decent, but Storm is WAY out of his league.

#### Tag Titles: Chavo Guerrero/Hernandez vs. Austin Aries/Bobby Roode

The Texans are defending and dear goodness please let the titles change tonight. Chavo and Roode start things off with the champion taking over with some headscissors to start. Aries comes in but runs into Hernandez who scares him away. SuperMex puts Aries on the top rope so Austin cartwheels away. Roode tells a posing Aries to turn around and there's the delayed vertical, but Roode makes the save.

A double suplex with Chavo helping out puts the challengers down and

there's a slingshot hilo onto Aries. Roode pulls Chavo to the floor but the suicide dive misses, sending Bobby into the barricade. We take a break and come back with Roode breaking up a cover by Hernandez. Chavo chops away on Aries in the corner and it's back to Hernandez. A running splash gets two for Hernandez and here's Guerrero ago.

Roode finally cheats a bit and hits Chavo in the back so Aries can hit a discus forearm to take down Chavo and give the heels control. Tazz, now part of a team, goes on a rant about how much being in a tag team sucks before talking about how much he loves Aces and 8's. Off to Roode again for a chinlock as Tazz talks about sitting on a boil. Ok then. A top rope double ax hits Chavo on the floor and gets two for Austin back inside.

We hit a LONG chinlock by Roode before Aries comes in with some cheating. Chavo fights up and it's a double clothesline to put both guys down. There's the hot tag to Hernandez who cleans house, only to have Roode pull his own partner into the slingshot shoulder from Hernandez. SuperMex destroys Roode but Aries escapes Three Amigos. The heels are rammed together and Roode walks out, only to return as Aries hits Hernandez low. The spinebuster to Chavo sets up the 450 from Aries for the pin and the titles at 17:29.

**Rating:** B. I don't like the challengers but this was a very solid tag match. If nothing else these two will actually be interesting instead of just sitting around doing nothing at all. This had a long heel in peril segment which you hardly ever see anymore. Good match here and nice to see a LONG TV match that means something.

Hulk and Ray have a chat about Ray being a good guy. He says he isn't and he'll prove it against Aces and 8's.

Video on AJ's career falling apart.

### Tara vs. Miss Tessmacher

Jesse is barred from ringside and this is non-title. Tara keeps looking back for Jesse and screaming his name. A few headlocks put Tessmacher down but she comes back with the stupid Stink Face. Tara tries to bail but comes back in for the spinning side slam for two. The Widow's Peak

doesn't work so it's off to a full nelson instead. Tara hooks a chinlock for a bit before Tessmacher comes back and hits a Tess Shock out of nowhere for the pin at 5:26.

**Rating:** D+. I don't like them, this match has been done to death, the girls still look good, and the division is still dying before our very eyes. What is the point of these random matches? To set up Tessmacher vs. Tara for the title again? You know, such a FRESH match as that, which we NEVER see anymore?

Here's Rockstar Spud to debut before the crowd. He gives a standard "I made it and this is my dream" promo before the Rob's come out to interrupt. Robbie E sends Big Rob to take him out but Big Rob steps aside to let Spud hit Robbie in the face, furthering the face turn. Big Rob does the fist pump.

Sting and Brooke do nothing of note.

We recap the bikers taking out Hardy's knee.

#### Sting/Bully Ray vs. D-Von/Doc

Tables match here and the TNA guys have face paint on ala Sting. The bikers are in trouble to start as Tazz goes on a rant about how the other bikers need to come out here for the save. This is still a big brawl for the most part with nothing from Aces and 8's about two minutes in. Ray hits a Stinger Splash on D-Von in the corner and shakes the rails on the floor. Sting hits one as well and we take a break.

Back with Doc getting kicked down by Ray but the Bully misses an elbow. A big boot puts Ray on the floor and the guys pair off. Since it's an Aces and 8's match though, they get beaten down again and here are the tables. The bikers come back and try a double suplex through the table but Ray makes the save again.

Ray fights both of them off but gets sent to the floor for his efforts. Sting is loaded onto the table again but Ray pulls his brother to the floor. Sting crotches Doc on the top and it's a superplex...not through the table as Knox moves the wood. Sting fights them both off (duh) and Ray

hulks up before sending D-Von through a table for the win at 14:07.

**Rating:** C-. It's a tag team tables match so what am I supposed to say here? These matches are almost always the same and it was clear that the bikers weren't going to win because that's just not what they do. This is clearly setting up Lockdown where hopefully this team is done for good.

The Hogans come out to celebrate of course, despite having nothing to do with this whatsoever.

**Overall Rating:** C+. This was decent but at the end of the day, Aces and 8's bring nothing to the table (pun intended) whatsoever. They're just not interesting and there's nothing at all to them to make us believe they're intimidating. They lose over and over again and they lose in the main event here. Other than that though the show was pretty solid stuff, even though it didn't set up anything for Lockdown.

### Results

Rob Van Dam b. Zema Ion and Kenny King – Van Dam pinned Ion after a northern lights suplex from King

James Storm b. Jesse Godderz – Last Call

Austin Aries/Bobby Roode b. Chavo Guerrero/Hernandez – 450 Splash to Guerrero

Miss Tessmacher b. Tara – Tess Shocker

Sting/Bully Ray b. D-Von/Doc – Ray chokeslammed D-Von through a table

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# Thought of the TNA: TNA And Superstables

I started doing some math last night and the numbers are a bit saddening. The first TNA heel superstable was S.E.X. It ran from the winter of 2002 until June of 2003. We'll call this six months.

After that came the Kings of Wrestling which evolved into Planet Jarrett/Jarrett's Army. Combining the two, this ran for just shy of two years.

Then came the double stables of Christian's Coalition and the Angle Alliance. These ran from February of 2007 to April of 2008, or about 14 months.

The Main Event Mafia ran from October of 2008 to approximately October of 2009, giving us another year.

Immortal started October 10, 2010 and ended either October 16, 2011 or April 15, 2012 depending on what you consider their actual ending.

Aces and 8's has been running for seven months now.

Some quick math tells you that, from a conservative standpoint, TNA has spent over six years running superstable angles. That's more than half the time they've been in existence as a company. To say they're repeating storylines is an understatement.

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# On This Day: February 2, 2012 – Impact Wrestling: Back When Impact Was Awesome

## Impact Wrestling

Date: February 2, 2012

Location: Wembley Arena, London, England

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz

I was going to make a bunch of jokes about being in England tonight but I'll try to find something funny to say instead. We have two shows in London before heading back to Orlando for Against All Odds on the 12th. I don't think many matches have been announced officially yet but for the most part you can guess a lot of them which is fine. These shows outside of the Impact Zone are always interesting, so let's get to it.

We open with a video of the fans who talk about how awesome wrestling is.

Hogan will be back tonight.

Roode and Ray open the show. The place looks great. Ray talks about how the fans aren't going to see Hardy tonight because they took care of him last week. I think that was done because Hardy has visa issues due to the legal history. Roode says it's great to be back in Ireland. He insists it's not them that sucks and praises himself and Ray. I think the fans are chanting for D-Von.

Roode calls out Storm and here's the Cowboy. Ray gets between them and there's Sting's music. The ring looks a lot smaller than usual. Sting says he talked to Hardy yesterday and Jeff will be back at Against All Odds. Sting announces the four way main event that I think we all knew was coming for the title at the PPV. As for tonight, Storm gets both of them in singles

matches.

Garrett calls his trainer who will be here tonight.

### Samoa Joe/Magnus vs. Crimson/Matt Morgan

Non-title here and it's a Buckingham Brawl which is a new twist on things: there's a coin flip to start and the winners get to be in the ring without having to tag, meaning it's a handicap match in a way. Crimson starts and the numbers game starts up quick. The non-champions dominate for the opening minutes with a power/speed combination.

They set for their double team combination out of the corner but Crimson takes Joe down and Magnus jumps into a suplex. Hot tag brings in Morgan and everything breaks down. Crimson is sent to the floor and the Carbon Footprint misses in the corner. That allows Joe and Magnus to hit their finishing sequence on Morgan and the middle rope elbow gets the pin at 3:56.

**Rating:** C. Quick match but this was a good way to let Magnus/Joe get one up on the champs. Crimson and Morgan have beaten them I think twice now so why should we buy them having a real chance again? The rule twist was a nice addition and it lets the champs save some face. Decent match and the crowd was way into it.

Eric Bischoff is here.

Here's Eric in the ring. A kid flips him off at ringside. Eric says he thought the British people were civilized. He says he's here to burst the bubble of Garrett with a little dose of reality. Eric asks Garrett to come to the ring and then demands it. The arena is a very different setup as the entrance is on the hard camera side, making it almost like the old MSG setup for those of you familiar with it.

Garrett gets here and Eric tells him that no matter who is



training him (remember that Eric knows who it is) it's not going to matter because Garrett is never going to be good enough. Garrett asks why Eric doesn't take it up with the trainer and Eric says that the trainer will never be here. The trainer (presumably) calls Garrett and Garrett doesn't look that pleased. The trainer is here tonight and wants to speak with Eric.

Mark Haskins, a British guy that was in some X-Division series that was put on last year, talks about how he's here to do whatever it takes to win. He says he'll win the title.

### Mark Haskins vs. Austin Aries

This is non-title I believe. The entire front row has its back to the ring for some reason. Aries takes him to the mat and the fans still like Aries more than the hometown boy. Haskins is sent over the top but he skins the cat into a headscissors to take over. Aries skins the cat as well but Haskins dropkicks him down. Haskins sets for a plancha but Aries slides in. A springboard attempt is countered, resulting in Haskins being crotched.

A top rope shot to the floor takes him down even more and the fans are all for Aries. Back in and Haskins gets crotched again. A low dropkick misses and Haskins starts his comeback. A monkey flip puts Aries down but a second is countered. Haskins nips up and runs the ropes for a springboard crossbody. A cutter gets two on the champ.

Haskins goes up for a Shooting Star and lands Lesnar style, landing right on his head. Since he's pretty much dead, Aries hits the brainbuster and holds onto him, flipping over to hook kind of a dragon sleeper hold but with Aries behind and under Haskins and pulling back on him for the tap at 4:45.

**Rating:** C+. Aside from the near neck breaking botch, this was a fun match. Haskins is fast but you would think he would get cheered in his hometown. I don't know if that's more praise

for Aries or a bad thing about Haskins, although I'm leaning towards the former more than the latter. Good match though.

Eric Bischoff is yelling on the phone about getting a cab and Sting comes to bring him back inside.

### James Storm vs. Bobby Roode

Feeling out process to start and Storm takes over. He takes Roode to the mat but the champ heads to the floor to avoid a Last Call. We take a break and come back with Storm hitting a facebuster but walking into a clothesline. There's going to be a Star Wars Special next week. As long as it's not the Holiday Special I'm all good with that. Spinebuster gets two. Storm comes back and they slug it out.

Roode goes up top but Storm gets in a big right hand to slow him down. Storm's trunks have something that looks like the Brahma Bull on it. Storm snaps off a rana to send both guys down. Storm starts his real comeback and hits a Backstabber for no cover. Top rope elbow gets two.

Russian legsweep by Storm is countered into the Crossface but Storm rolls into the ropes. Roode sets for the Payoff but Storm counters into the Eye of the Storm but Roode counters as well. There's the Payoff but it only gets two. Storm comes back with a Codebreaker to avoid a belt shot. He loads up the Last call but here's Ray to break it up. That opening allows Roode to spear Storm for the pin at 13:50.

**Rating:** B-. If I never see another spear it'll be too soon. This was a good match between two guys that should be facing each other for the title in a big time PPV program but that spot goes to Hardy because Storm never got high during a PPV and made the company look like a joke. Quite a good TV match though.

Post match Ray gives Storm a Rock Bottom onto the title belt. Sting makes the save.

## Tara vs. Gail Kim

Tara is #1 contender but from what I can tell, this is non-title. Tara takes over to start and strips her top off for the standing moonsault. Gail takes over with some choking and a knee to the back for two. She hooks a leg lock by bending Tara's leg over Gail's neck then a clothesline gets two.

Mike thinks if Tara beats Gail here, it might be an advantage for her going into the rematch at the PPV. A missile dropkick misses for Gail and Tara hammers away. Powerslam (called a snap slam by Tenay) gets two but Rayne runs in for the...not DQ. She ran into Gail but it doesn't count for some reason. Widow's Peak ends this at 4:57.

**Rating:** C-. The match was ok but I really don't get the theory here. What purpose did this serve? Why not have Rayne take the loss here rather than giving us the match ten days before its on PPV? I really don't get this company's thinking at times but then again, why bother trying to get people to buy the TV show when you can give the matches away for free?

Here's Garrett to reveal the trainer but Eric comes out with Gunner. Eric talks some trash and to not a ton of shock, Hogan is the trainer. The fans of course love him because he's an old school guy and if you're loved once, you're always loved. Hogan and Garrett beat Gunner up for a bit while Eric stands there. Gunner is knocked to the floor and Eric is terrified and runs. Of all the people that Hogan could give a rub to, they picked Garrett Bischoff?

Hogan and Garrett talk about how they're coming for Eric.

## Bully Ray vs. James Storm

This is Storm's second match of the night and he has bad ribs. Ray works on the injury with some hard shots before draping Storm over the top. Off to a camel clutch for a few moments and then a slam. Here comes Roode and we take a break. Back

with Sting coming to the ring with a cricket bat and Ray holding Storm in a bearhug.

Ray lets that go and hits a big boot followed by some elbow drops for two. A splash gets the same. The middle rope backsplash misses and Storm starts his comeback. He wins a nice countering sequence on the apron and a middle rope cross body gets two. Ray tries to grab Storm but gets knocked into the referee. Sting chases Roode out of the ring and the Last Call beats Ray clean at 14:00.

**Rating:** C+. Not as good as earlier but it was nice to see someone using basic psychology here like Ray was doing. Storm getting a win keeps him strong which is something he needed going into the PPV. Not a great match or anything but Ray has really impressed me in his singles run.

**Overall Rating:** B. This was pretty good here as the pretty strong string of non-Orlando shows continues. This moved us towards the PPV and gave us a big development in the Bischoff feud. Now if you don't care for the Bischoff feud or the main event, this wasn't the show for you because that was the majority of the focus tonight. Hogan being back isn't a bad thing but hopefully he actually gives someone a rub for a change. That talk of a Star Wars show next week though scares me.

### Results

Magnus/Samoa Joe b. Crimson/Matt Morgan – Middle rope elbow to Morgan

Austin Aries b. Mark Haskins – Reverse Dragon Sleeper

Bobby Roode b. James Storm – Spear

Tara b. Gail Kim – Widow's Peak

James Storm b. Bully Ray – Last Call

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# Impact Wrestling – January 31, 2013: The Least Surprising Moment Since The Sun Came Up This Morning

## Impact Wrestling

Date: January 31, 2013

Location: Manchester Arena, Manchester, England

Commentators: Tazz, Todd Keneley, Mike Tenay

We're in England for the first of four shows in a row. Tonight is Open Fight Night again with the main event being Angle vs. Anderson in a cage. Other than that we're promised a huge announcement from Dixie Carter. Sometimes those things are huge and sometimes they mean jack so who knows what to expect. Let's get to it.

Here's Bad Influence in kilts and Braveheart face paint to open the show. Since it's Throwback Thursday, we're going back to the thirteenth century to praise the real heroes of the UK, the Scots! Daniels has no update on Hardy but promises to win the title and come back here for an easy title defense against the English.

This brings out the returning Magnus who makes fun of Daniels for the way he talks before calling them disrespectful Muppets. Magnus challenges either of them for later and the brawl is on. A pair of backdrops put Bad Influence on the floor and Magnus stands tall. He talks about being in the ring and getting to do what he loves, but Aces and 8's took that from him. Therefore he's calling out D-Von for a fight tonight. The biker comes out and we take a break.

Magnus vs. D-Von

This is non-title I believe. Magnus takes over to start and heads to the floor, where D-Von is slammed into the barricade a few times. It's very nice to see the show in an actual arena instead of a tiny studio. D-Von kicks the rope into Magnus' crotch as they come back in and takes over. Some punches to the face and a legdrop set up the Hogan hand to the ear. Off to a nerve hold for a bit before D-Von misses a middle rope headbutt. A high knee puts D-Von down again as does a clothesline. Not that it matters though as the rest of Aces and 8's come in for the DQ at 5:11.

**Rating:** D+. Not much to see here other than yet ANOTHER Aces and 8's loss. Can they at least win a token match just to mess with us a bit? Magnus is a guy with some talent and I'd like to see him on TV more than once every few months. The match was pretty slow stuff here though and that didn't help things.

Magnus clears the ring before the jobbing army can get in there.

Joseph Park's challenge is up next.

Brooke, Bully and Sting are in the back and worrying that Hulk won't be here tonight.

Joseph Park comes out for his challenge. He's taken a lot of notes but here's Robbie E to interrupt. Park says that's not his pick but E calls him a hamster. Robbie wipes himself with Park's notes and after insulting the UK (then backing away when the Welsh Rob Terry glares at him) he challenges Park for a fight right now.

#### Joseph Park vs. Robbie E

Park takes over to start with some arm drags and clotheslines but a running splash misses. Robbie pounds away a bit but can't get even a near fall out of it. Park avoids a middle rope knee and makes his comeback, hitting a belly to belly suplex of all things. A middle rope splash is enough to pin Robbie at 3:30.

**Rating:** C. Park continues to be a fun character and I'm reaching the point where he doesn't need to become Abyss again. He's nailing this so well and has been for months now, so why not let him keep doing it? This

was short but it was the right way for Park to get his first win. Decent stuff here.

Hogan is here.

Aries and Roode are in the ring with Aries saying that the two of them are going to start winning championships. Roode doesn't like the idea of Aries being world champion so they'll start with the tag titles. Roode says the champions can't hold a candle to them and calls out Chavo. The champions come out and Chavo says you have to be a tag team to get a title shot. Aries says they've already beaten Hernandez so if there's going to be a rematch and Aries or Roode wins, they get a title match.

### Chavo Guerrero vs. Austin Aries

They start fast with Chavo taking him down via a belly to back. Aries comes right back but the slingshot hilo hits knees. Chavo hits a slingshot hilo of his own and chokes away in the corner before we take a break. Back with Chavo diving onto Roode but getting hit with the suicide dive by Aries. We head back inside with Aries pounding away and a few two counts.

A headlock takeover puts Chavo down as does a backdrop for no cover. Chavo comes back with a dropkick and a capo kick for two. Three Amigos hit and there's the frog splash but Roode comes in for a distraction. In the distraction, Aries hits a WICKED running dropkick in the corner and the brainbuster earns he and Roode a title shot at 10:33.

**Rating:** C-. The match wasn't bad but man alive do I hope Aries and Roode take the titles. Chavo and Hernandez are competent in the ring (most of the time) but they might be the least interesting champions this side of Cody Rhodes and Hardcore Holly. Oh yeah, they're THAT dull. The ending shots by Aries here were great.

Brooke and Bully go to the ring.

Angle is warming up with Joe, Garrett and Brisco around him. Joe yells at the rookies when they say they'll be at ringside because Joe is going to be there instead.

We recap the Hogans/Bully stuff.

Here are Brooke and Bully to the ring to recap Bully's suspension. Ray says that they're family with a common enemy in Aces and 8's. They have to bury their problems so Ray can fight the bikers. Ray says Sting can get Hogan to lift the suspension and starts a Sting chant. Cue Sting who says that he can't get Hogan out here but the fans can.

Therefore, let's stop the Sting chant and start a Hogan chant. Here's Hulk so the people in the room can suck up to him a bit. Hulk talks about always doing the right thing so Bully is reinstated. This shocks him for some reason. Hulk talks about being confused about business and family though, so next week it's Bully/Sting vs. Aces and 8's in a tables match.

The big announcement is that Impact is going on the road permanently starting March 14<sup>th</sup>. That's a BIG step for them.

Here's a ticked off Velvet to call out Tara. The champion and Jesse come out but Velvet wants a mixed tag instead of a title shot.

#### Velvet Sky/James Storm vs. Jesse Sorensen/Tara

The guys start things off with Storm slapping him around like a former world champion beating up a rookie that got a job because he was on a reality show. Tara trips Storm up and Jesse takes over for a few seconds until Closing Time takes him right back down. Off to the girls with Velvet taking over. Closing Time hits Jesse again and In Yo Face ends Tara at 3:50.

**Rating:** D+. This is the best they can do with James Storm? Seriously? The match sucked as there was no doubt as to who was going to win, but I'm rather bored with the current Knockouts. There's never a story other than "I want the title" and seeing the same chicks fight over and over and over gets really dull after a few years.

We get a quick update on Hardy. He had an MRI on his bad knee. End of update.

We recap the Hogan segment from earlier. The Hogans say Hulk had to do



something for his family because he always does the right thing when it comes to them. You know like suggesting a reality show about your son getting out of jail for a car crash that has put a guy in need of life long medical care from a car wreck that your son caused. That's "doing the right thing", right?

Video on Angle vs. Anderson from Lockdown 2010. That was a great match.

Joe has been attacked.

### Mr. Anderson vs. Kurt Angle

In a cage. Anderson jumps Angle as he gets in and gets a quick two count. Brisco is out at ringside too. Anderson is in full control here but runs into an elbow in the corner. Angle hits a middle rope dropkick to put both guys down for a bit. The Angle Slam is countered into a Regal Roll for two and drops a medium sized leg. Angle comes back by sending Anderson into the cage and hitting the Angle Slam for two.

We take a break and come back with Angle still in control. Anderson comes back with a clothesline and goes to escape but Kurt makes the save. Anderson crotches him for two and goes up again, only to get taken down by the Angle Slam off the top. Angle is still dazed though and walks into the Mic check for two. Ken tries to go up again but gets powerbombed out of the corner. There's the ankle lock with the grapevine for the tap out at 15:09.

**Rating:** B-. Not bad here and the cage was used pretty well at time. It's certainly nothing innovative or mind blowing but for a free main event on TV between the top solider in a war against an evil faction, this was perfectly fine. Anderson isn't much of an upgrade for the team but he's certainly better than everyone else on the biker team.

Post match another biker comes in and Brisco comes in to join in the fight. It's Garrett Bischoff, finally joining Aces and 8's. Brisco jumps Angle too and they're both bikers. WOW I NEVER, NEVER I SAY, would have seen this coming. The new recruits destroy Angle to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C+. This show wasn't terrible but it really didn't get

going until near the end. Granted this was a taped show and they were probably still adjusting to the time and everything, but it felt a step off. The ending...yeah we knew it was coming but dang it still made me roll my eyes. Why am I supposed to care about two guys joining the team when they might as well have been carrying big signs that said "WE'RE IN ACES AND 8's!" for the last few months? Anyway, this show certainly wasn't bad and was pretty much ok, but it doesn't have me dying to see more.

### Results

Magnus b. D-Von via DQ when Aces and 8's interfered

Joseph Park b. Robbie E – Middle rope splash

Austin Aries b. Chavo Guerrero – Brainbuster

James Storm/Velvet Sky b. Jesse Sorensen/Tara – In Yo Face to Tara

Kurt Angle b. Mr. Anderson – Ankle Lock

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# **Impact To Go On The Road Every Week**

They start March 14th in Chicago. This is several years in the making but at least it's finally happening.

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# On This Day: January 28, 2012 – Ring Ka King: TNA In India

## Ring Ka King TV

Date: January 28, 2012

Location: Balewadi Sports Complex, Pune, India

Commentators: Siddharth Kanan, Joe Bath

After this, never let it be said that I don't give the people what they ask for. I've gotten a lot of requests from people for this show so why not. This is the TNA related company formed in India. The name means King of the Ring in some Indian language. Odds are this is going to be the only episode I watch of it but if it's good I might take another look. There are a lot of big named stars over there so let's get to it.

We open with a musical performance. It's an Indian performer who has a bunch of dancing girls. I don't speak whatever language this is so I can't say anything here. The crowd seems to dig it. I've heard there were about 1,500 people here which isn't bad. The set is similar to Impact's but in a bigger arena. Apparently this guy's name is Mika.

After he's done the ring announcer comes in and thank goodness she speaks English. That's one of the main reasons I don't watch puro: I have no idea what's going on. And never mind as they're in another language again. I think they're saying it's awesome to be here or something like that. She's shifting between languages. Either that or some of the words are the same. There's talk of a singles and tag titles and female wrestlers. She introduces the announcers and I have no idea what they're saying. The fans seem to like them so maybe they're known.

Now we bring out a guy named Harbhajan Singh, who appears to

be a cricket player of some national renown. He's listed as a Ring Ka King goodwill ambassador. Mika starts a chant of Singh is King or something like that. The singer wishes him good luck and that's about it. I'm just trying to pick up what I can here. Mika leaves.

Singh talks some more and says something about international wrestling and Ring Ka King. The girls are still at ringside. He sends us to a video of a familiar face: Chavo Guerrero Jr. He talks about being around the world but that he's never been to India and is here to become Ring Ka King Champion.

Chavo comes to the ring and Singh introduces someone else: Maxx B. He appears to be a boxing/fighting character but I don't recognize him and he doesn't speak English. The announcers talk about MMA during Maxx's entrance.

Sir Brutus Magnus says he'll win the title. He calls himself the International Athlete.

Next up is Doctor Nicholas Dinsmore, who is of course Nick Dinsmore, aka Eugene. I think these are just introductions of wrestlers. Dinsmore comes out in a medical outfit which is a character you don't really see that often.

Sonjay Dutt has a dollar sign above his name and gets a huge pop due to being from India.

In sixth (they're just standing in the ring) is Mahabali Veera, a muscular guy who doesn't speak English either. He appears to be the tallest and most popular guy so far.

Next up is Scott Steiner who talks about his arms and short fuse.

Matt Morgan says he's 7'0 tall which is still a lie. He's here to become world champion. Morgan and Steiner came out to their TNA music. Morgan is in street clothes.

Now we move onto the Commissioner, a man named Jazzy Laharia

who is with someone named Deadly Danda, who I guess is a bodyguard. I'm assuming Deadly is the guy in the military gear and has what appeared to be a sword. He's almost as tall as Matt Morgan. Singh talks some more and I think these eight are going to be in a Heavyweight Title Tournament. The belt comes down from the ceiling and pyro goes off. The belt looks like the ECW Silver Title but with a sticker on the middle of it.

We get a quick video of all eight people here and a graphic saying Ring Ka King Heavyweight Title Tournament.

Now here's Jeremy Borash who speaks English and talks to Morgan, who says everyone is honored to be in India. Magnus cuts him off and puts his arms around Dutt and Steiner and says they're going to take over Ring Ka King. A brawl is started but Deadly Danda breaks it up.

Ring Ka King Heavyweight Title Tournament: Dr. Nicholas Dinsmore vs. Mahabali Veera

We're about 25 minutes into the show not counting commercials and here's the first match. And no I'm not holding that against them as it's the debut episode. Dinsmore is basically the heel by default here. He cheats a top wristlock by pulling the hair to bring him down. Dinsmore sends him to the floor but Veera gets a sunset flip for two. Veera has a good look to him and moves well for a bigger (as in taller) guy. The referee is in a green shirt. Off to a chinlock by Dinsmore but Veera hits a spinebuster (called the Veera Bomb) for the pin at 2:59. Short but fine.

Magnus is on the phone in the back to his boss and talks about how he, Dutt and Steiner (all in the room) have three of the eight spots in the tournament and are going to dominate both it and Ring Ka King. It's Magnus vs. Morgan in the first round.

Someone called Shera brings out American Adonis, who is more known as Chris Masters. He does the same entrance that he did

as the Masterpiece. He's a lot bigger than he used to be too so I guess the roids are rolling again. Masters says he's here to prove that no one can break his Adonis Lock. Back to the old classics I guess. He's put up a lock of Indian Rupees (whatever that means. A lock I mean. I know what Rupees are) to anyone that wants to try it. There's a briefcase in there so I'm assuming it has the money in it.

A plant accepts the challenge and we get a referee and the chair. The guy is named Zed. What kind of a name is Zed? He's from Pune and gets thrown all over the place in the full nelson. And he's out cold in about 10 seconds.

Veera says something which I'd assume means he'll win. Singh comes in and shakes his hand. Morgan comes up to shake his hand and says he hopes to see Veera in the finals.

Next week (I think) it's Steiner vs. Maxx B and Chavo vs. Dutt in the tournament.

### Ring Ka King Heavyweight Title Tournament: Sir Brutus Magnus vs. Matt Morgan

Magnus runs to the corner to start. Morgan gets his hands on him and throws him around with ease. Magnus gets sent to the floor and it's time for a chase scene. Morgan misses a corner splash and Magnus takes over. A slam attempt fails as Morgan falls onto him for two. Off to an abdominal stretch by Magnus which Morgan easily escapes and starts his comeback. He beats Magnus up and hits a chokeslam, followed by the Carbon Footprint for the pin at 5:14.

**Rating:** D. This was a really basic and boring power match. I've seen far worse but there really isn't anything going on here. Morgan looks like a force though which is the point of this. Not terrible but if Magnus is supposed to be the top heel in the company or at least the mouthpiece for it (no sign of him being a coward yet) shouldn't he be treated as something better than a jobber to the stars like he was here?

Dutt and Steiner come in for an attempted beatdown but Veera makes the save. A tag team staredown ends the show.

**Overall Rating:** B-. As a wrestling show it was boring but for a show designed to introduce us to the product, I can't really complain much here. They set up the tournament and we have a top heel group already. Veera looks like a star (although we didn't get to see much of him in the ring) and Morgan is his usual self. I probably won't watch this again but it wasn't that bad at all. The production values were very good and definitely at the same levels as Impact. Great debut and if you're not familiar with these guys, it's a great show. It's probably not for fans that know the talent, though it's worth a look.

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## **On This Day: January 26, 2012 – Impact Wrestling: Get The Tables**

### **Impact Wrestling**

Date: January 26, 2012

Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz

Back to Orlando for another week of shows, but after this (next week I believe) they're off to England. Anyway, we now don't have a number one contender because of the interference last week. This is probably setting up a triple threat or a fatal fourway at the PPV, which isn't what I'm wanting but it's probably going to happen and that's ok. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the whole issue from last week and how we have no #1 contender.

Jeff is beating up Ray in the back and rams him into a table a few times. Jeff chokes him with a broom and the fight keeps going. The cameraman chases after him and Ray gets in some weak shots. They go through a door and Hardy keeps beating him up. A white truck pulls up with Roode in it and he saves Ray by ramming Jeff into a sign. Ray gets a wooden pallet but opts for some metal thing instead. He drops the pallet on Jeff's leg and then does it again. They throw him in the truck but Storm comes in for the save but is beaten down as well. Sting eventually chases everyone off. The sight of him sans paint scared them.

### Velvet Sky vs. Mickie James vs. Tara

The winner gets Gail at Against All Odds. Tara uses the Matrish to avoid a clothesline so it hits Velvet. We get into the standard formula of two fight while the third is down. Tara and Mickie do most of the fighting as we take a break. Back with Velvet monkey flipping Tara but Mickie breaks up whatever she was trying with a neckbreaker on Sky. Velvet knocks them both down, then Mickie knocks them both down. Thesz Press gets two on Velvet and a spinning kick gets the same on Tara. Velvet breaks up the jumping DDT and Tara hits the spinning side slam on Velvet onto Mickie (as in Sky landed on Mickie) for the pin at 9:37.

**Rating:** D. I think I'm getting very biased against women's wrestling, but I just do not care at all about it. It's whoever is hot at the moment and that's about it. It's not like people really care about it but they get a ton of time anyway. I don't get it but there's no way around it. Either way, weak match here but Tara vs. Gail could be good.

Gail says bring it.

We see highlights of the opening brawl earlier.



Here are Sting, Storm and Hardy to no music. He asks for Roode and Ray to get out here and the fight continues. Sting holds the good guys back with the bat and tries to calm things down. He gets them apart and says stay on one side. They fight again and eventually it's made into a tag team tables match for later. That would be better if it wasn't announced in the clip before the show started.

Shelley is facing Zema Ion and if he wins he gets the shot at Aries at Against All Odds.

Eric Young is getting ready and thinks a stagehand is Sammy Davis Jr. Angelina and Winter come up and imply sex. And they Love hits him low but he's wearing a cup.

### Zema Ion vs. Alex Shelley

Shelley takes over to start and gets a rollup for two. Zema beats him into the corner and doesn't want this on cameras. He comes out of the corner with a spinning body press for two. Reverse powerbomb by Shelley and a powerbomb puts Ion on the floor. They fly around a bit and Ion sets for the 450 but Shelley moves and Sliced Bread ends this at 4:26.

**Rating:** C. This was a standard cruiserweight match and that's about it. Shelley is fun to watch but ever since they've changed the weight limit, the title feels very secondary and the matches and feuds have felt like filler instead of something that I should care about. Such is life in a company run by Bischoff and Hogan.

AJ says that this business has changed everyone and tonight, he's finding out why Kaz is Daniels' puppet.

Tara says she'll be training harder than ever and can beat Gail.

Earlier today, Eric went to Garrett's gym to find out who the trainer is. Eric goes in and sees who it is but sends the

trainer away. He was freaked out by it.

### Winter/Angelina Love vs. ODB/Eric Young

Eric locks up with the referee who winds up on the apron and is then brought in. Now he tags in Eric and gets locked up with. Mike calls this the Harlem Globetrotters of wrestling. I've seen the Harlem Globetrotters. Eric Young is no Globetrotter. Over two minutes in and no contact yet. Winter finally hits him so Eric strips. ODB finally comes in and I've never been happier to see her in my life.

A Bronco Buster is messed up and Angelina takes over a few seconds later. Off to Winter who puts her in the Tree of Woe which is an image I don't need. ODB gets in a shot and Eric throws in the flask for...another shot I guess. There's the fallaway slam and nip up. Far too much of this match has been spent showing her underwear. Eric comes in and we get stereo airplane spins. TKO ends Angelina at 7:00.

**Rating:** F. I know Eric Young is popular. I get that, but my goodness I'm not a fan of him at all. This got seven minutes which is a lot of time that could have been used for someone else. Also, there was far too much of ODB losing her clothes.

Ray and Roode fire each other up for the match later.

Video on the tag title feud with Joe/Magnus challenging the champs.

### Samoa Joe vs. Matt Morgan

Joe strikes him into the corner to start but Morgan uses the power of choking and chopping to come back. Morgan plays to the crowd with the elbows but gets caught in the choke. He breaks it quickly and beats on Joe even more. Clothesline gets two. Joe gets a boot up in the corner and a middle rope leg lariat gives him control.

A running charge in the corner and a kick to the head get two.

Morgan takes over again and hits some clotheslines. A side slam gets two. Hellevator takes too long to set up so Joe kicks him down and a backsplash gets two. Morgan gets back up and hits a discus clothesline for...three? Mike sounds just as surprised as I am but it got the pin at 4:48.

**Rating:** C-. This was just ok. It still amazes me how far Joe has fallen in just a few years. He's floated from random feud to random feud for years now and I still am not clear as to why that's happened. This feud continues the theory that tag wrestling is done in this country, at least for the time being.

The champs get beaten down with Morgan taking the double team finisher from Magnus and Joe.

Hardy and Storm say they'll win with a boom.

AJ wants to get to the bottom of this with Kaz and knows Daniels is pulling the strings. Here are Daniels and Kaz and the latter can't talk to AJ. Daniels talks about how AJ is always throwing a tantrum about something or other. He says Kaz doesn't owe AJ a thing. AJ goes to the floor but Daniels and Kaz backpedal. Daniels calls AJ a thug so AJ says he'll turn around and let Kaz take his head off.

Kaz goes to leave but Daniels directs him to go do it. He goes to the apron and can't do it. Daniels goes in and AJ knocks him to the floor with ease. AJ says Kaz can get in here right now and shake his hand and we'll forget all this. The idiots at the Impact Zone count for some reason as Kaz gets in. AJ sticks out his hand but Daniels says Kaz isn't going to do that so he gets out. Daniels says he's had it and says he's going to propose AJ vs. Kaz.

Jeff Hardy/James Storm vs. Bobby Roode/Bully Ray

Tables match. They manage to stay calm during the big match intros. SO Sting with a ball bat isn't enough to keep them

apart but Jeremy Borash is? Weird company man. Beer Money explodes on a table as Ray tries to suplex Hardy through one, only for Jeff to hang onto the ropes with his feet. This is all on the floor. Storm spits beer in Roode's face. Ray takes over on Hardy but Storm makes the save. We take a break with Ray taking a water bottle to the head.

Back with Ray hitting Hardy with a chair. Hardy slingshots Ray into a post and a table is sent into the ring. Storm and Hardy try to suplex Roode through the table but Ray moves the table then takes them both down. It's one person going through the table to end it. Roode comes back and stomps Storm to the floor so it's Roode and Hardy in the ring now.

A table is set up in the corner and Hardy is almost able to send Roode through it but Ray makes the save. Ray tries a big boot through Hardy through the table but Jeff moves, leaving a hole in the table. Codebreaker takes Ray out but a spinebuster takes out Storm. Ray puts Hardy's head against the post and punches it for awhile.

Storm goes into the steps and Hardy is put on the table in the ring. Ray goes up but Storm kicks him down. Now Storm goes up and Roode loads up a superplex through the table but Jeff moves. Hardy pulls Roode down and hits a Twist so he can put Roode on the table. Storm elbows Roode through it to win at 14:00.

**Rating:** C+. Not a bad table match and it was pretty fun on top of that. I'd assume this will wind up being a fourway for the title which is fine and would be a good way to shift it over to Hardy. This was a fun way to end the show as table matches are always popular for some reason that I've never quite gotten.

Post match, Ray destroys the winners with a chair and Hardy is powerbombed through a table.

**Overall Rating:** C-. I'm not a fan of TNA lately. The stories

are all there and mostly make sense, but nothing they're doing is grabbing me. Pretty much it's "this happens then this happens which leads us to this." That's fine, but it's not going to get people excited about things. It's not a bad show at all but it really isn't all that interesting. I couldn't get into it all night and was just wanting it to end, which isn't a good thing.

### Results

Tara b. Mickie James and Velvet Sky – Pinned James after a spinning side slam to Sky

Alex Shelley b. Zema Ion – Sliced Bread #2

ODB/Eric Young b. Angelina Love/Winter – TKO to Love

Matt Morgan b. Samoa Joe – Discus Clothesline

Jeff Hardy/James Storm b. Robert Roode/Bully Ray – Storm put Roode through a table

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